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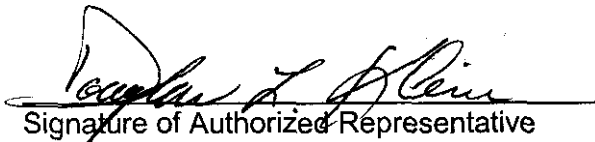
Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to certify that the following study areas qualify for safety net payment eligibility in 2003, as defined in Section 36.605 of Commission rules and CC Docket No. 96-45. We have made this determination based on the growth of Telephone Plant In Service per access line from 2000 to 2001. These are average schedule study areas, for which we have supplied supporting documentation to NECA as they requested.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the study areas listed below.

Study Area Name	State	Study Area Code
Clear Lake Independent Telephone Co	Iowa	351132
Ventura Telephone Co	Iowa	351322

  
Signature of Authorized Representative

12-31-02  
Date

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